

SCORES KILLED IN JAP EARTHQUAKES

CITY OF 30,000 IMPERILED AS GREAT VOLCANO ON AKITA ISLAND ERUPTS.

VILLAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Three Hundred Men Trapped in Mine, Their Fate Unknown—Communication Interrupted and Details Are Lacking.

Tokio, March 16.—A serious earthquake occurred in the prefecture of the Akita island of Hondo. A number of persons in both Akita and Kowakubi were killed, and many houses destroyed or damaged.

The volcano Asama-Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption.

Full details of the disaster have not been received owing to the interruption of communication. Sixty bodies were found in the basin of the Omono river, where 320 houses were destroyed. The village of Kitameno was burned.

300 Trapped in Mine.

As a result of the earthquake a copper mine at Tsunmido collapsed. The fate of the 300 workmen in the mine is unknown. Simultaneous with the earthquake came terrific explosions and the bursting of flames from the volcano Asama-Yama.

Akita is a paragon town on the sea of Japan and has a population of about 30,000.

Asama-Yama is the largest active volcano in Japan. Its last great eruption was in 1783, when several villages on the north side of the mountain were obliterated by huge streams of lava.

29 Bodies Taken From Ruins.

St. Louis.—The ruins of the Missouri Athletic club gave up the bodies of Joseph E. Chasnovitz, manager of the advertising promotion department of The Republic; Allen R. Hancock of 4141 Cook avenue, and a third man believed to have been Marx Hammer, president of the Neuteter Clinic and suit company. Twenty-nine bodies have been recovered, of which 21 have been identified positively by relatives, friends, dentists or physicians.

Two Children Burn to Death. Van Buren, Mo.—Two infant children of William Herrington, a teamster, are dead as a result of a fire that destroyed the Herrington home. A baby, 2 months old, was burned to death, and another child was so badly injured it died later.

Lloyds Insures Against Jailings. New York.—To outwit wives who slap hubbies into Ludlow street jail for failure to pay alimony, the New York and Brooklyn Lloyds for domestic derelicts now issue insurance against being jailed for nonpayment.

Girl Files Suit for Attack. East St. Louis.—Mildred M. Seng, 14 years old, through her father, George E. Seng, filed suit in the East St. Louis city court against William Erhardt, Jr., 25 years old, for \$25,000 damages for an alleged attack.

M. A. C. Inquest Starts. St. Louis.—The inquest which will be held to determine the responsibility for the deaths of 31 victims of the Missouri Athletic club fire has started, and will in all probability be in session for a week or more.

Ten Killed in R. R. Wreck. Temora, New South Wales.—Ten passengers were killed and 15 injured in a collision between a mail train and freight locomotive at Exeter Station, near Moss Vale. The accident occurred during a dense fog.

Mexicans Start Battle. Chihuahua, Mexico.—A general forward movement of both the Mexican federal and rebel armies at Torreón was begun, preliminary, it is believed, to the long-deferred battle for possession of that city.

Aerial Gun Hits the Target. Berlin.—The German military airship Z-5, during target practice with a machine gun and at a range of about 5,000 feet, frequently hit a target 32 by 12 feet which was suspended from a huge kite.

100 Words to Wife in Two Years. Chicago.—Warren R. Condict kept the total of his conversation with his wife down to not more than 100 words for the last two years, according to Mrs. Condict's testimony in her divorce suit.

Electric Lights Are Tested. Panama.—The first test of the electric lighting of the canal was made with all the buoys, light-houses and range lights along its course. This was the last operation in preparation of the canal for commerce.

Girls Flee Factory Fire. Newark, N. J.—Six hundred girls fled for their lives when a fire which started in the factory of the Baker Printing company threatened the destruction of the block. Many girls were rescued by firemen.

GIRL, 12, GETS \$5,000,000

VANDERBILT LEFT CASH IN TRUST FOR DAUGHTER.

Will Also Gives Her Famous Estate in North Carolina; His Widow Gets a Large Sum.

New York.—The will of George W. Vanderbilt, as filed for probate here, leaves his entire estate, estimated at \$20,000,000, to his widow and only daughter, Cornelia.

Minor bequests providing annuities aggregating \$5,500 a year are made in favor of certain relatives. There are no public bequests.

Biltmore, Mr. Vanderbilt's world-famous estate in North Carolina, is left to his daughter, Cornelia, who is now 12 years old. She also receives \$5,000,000 in cash and is made residuary legatee.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, the widow, receives the estate at Bar Harbor, Me.; the Vanderbilt home in Washington, \$250,000 in cash, a life interest in a trust fund of \$1,000,000 which she may dispose of at her death as she sees fit and part of the real estate in North Carolina, known as Pisgah Forest, containing about 80,000 acres, together with the contracts for the sale of timber therefrom, estimated to produce about \$50,000 a year. These bequests to Mrs. Vanderbilt are made in lieu of a dowry.

Five million dollars which goes to Cornelia, the daughter, is the principal of a trust fund held by George W. Vanderbilt under the will of his father, the late William H. Vanderbilt. The will provides that the executors shall hold the daughter's estate in trust until she becomes 25 years of age. Until she is 21 she will receive only so much of the income as the executors deem proper.

COAL RATE DECISION SOON

Commerce Commission Prepares Opinion in Transportation Case Involving Illinois Product.

Washington, D. C.—The interstate commerce commission is expected to hand down its decision in the St. Louis coal rate case within the next week or 10 days.

While the members of that body refuse to give out any information which will lead to a conclusion in regard to its opinion, from the best information obtainable, and from the testimony taken before the commission, it is believed by many here that the decision will be in favor of St. Louis as against East St. Louis on the question of the rates on bituminous coal, transported from points in Illinois and transhipped to St. Louis.

MILITANT VANDAL TO PRISON

May Richardson Is Arrested, Indicted and Tried in Two Days for Slashing Painting.

London, England.—Miss May Richardson, the militant suffragist who on Tuesday hacked Valere's "Rokeby Venus" famous painting in the National Gallery, was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

The case against Miss Richardson was disposed of in record time. She was arrested on March 10, taken to the Bow Street police court and committed for trial by the magistrate on the same day; the grand jury Wednesday returned a true bill against her and Thursday she was tried and convicted by a jury at the London sessions.

\$75 EACH FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Administrators of Estates of 23 Who Perished in New York Factory Blaze Make Settlement.

New York.—After a legal battle of nearly three years, administrators of the estates of 23 of the victims of the Triangle shirtwaist factory fire settled on the basis of \$75 each.

These amounts will not be paid by Harris and Blank, proprietors of the factory, or by Joseph E. Asch, owner of the building in which 148 employees were burned to death, but by an employers' liability company.

It is understood many other cases of the 148 victims of the disaster also have been settled out of court.

WILSON SIGNS ALASKAN BILL

President Uses Two Pens in Making Measure to Construct Government Railroad a Law.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson made the Alaska government railroad an assured fact. He signed the bill appropriating \$35,000,000 for construction by the government of such a carrier, which is expected to open up the vast mineral resources of the territory.

The president used two pens in signing the measure—one of ivory and gold and the other of silver.

Eleanor Wilson to Wed.

Washington.—The engagement of William Gibbs McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, and Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of President and Mrs. Wilson, was announced from the White House.

Man Shoots Woman and Self.

New York.—John H. Price, 35 years old, a \$10,000-a-year salesman for Armour & Co., meat packers, shot and dangerously wounded Mrs. Hattie M. Morse, 40 years old, and then shot and killed himself.

PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL AND BRIDE



Specially posed photographs of Marshal Hermes da Fonseca, president of Brazil, whose rule is threatened by revolutionists, and his beautiful bride, the former Senorita Nair de Teffe, who is but twenty-seven years old, while her husband is sixty-three. Brazilian society was somewhat shocked by the marriage, as the president had been widowed only a few months.

FAVORS POSTAL-VOTE PLAN U. S. EXPRESS CO. TO QUIT

BRYAN SAYS WILSON INDORSES MAIL BALLOTS.

Secretary Says Persons Absent Election Days Should Have Right to Send Their Vote.

Annapolis, Md.—Secretary of State Bryan said he hoped that not only would this country borrow the initiative and referendum, as it had borrowed the Australian ballot, but that in time it would adopt the postal vote. The postal vote of New Zealand allows a citizen, though away from home, to cast his vote at an election and have it counted.

The occasion of Secretary Bryan's statement was an address he made on the initiative and referendum before the Maryland legislature. A bill providing for the measure is pending.

"You need not be afraid to change your opinion on the question of the initiative and referendum," the secretary concluded. "President Wilson changed his opinion and was not ashamed. He said he had been teaching the students at Princeton that the initiative and referendum was wrong, but when he found he was wrong he was not ashamed to say so."

ELEANOR WILL WED M'ADOO

Second Marriage in President Wilson's Family Is Expected to Take Place in June.

Washington, D. C.—President and Mrs. Wilson announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph Wilson, to the Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo.

This brief statement issued at the White House, confirmed rumors in circulation several days. The publication of these reports hastened the announcement.

Mrs. Wilson, it is understood, opposed the match. She did not want her daughter to marry a man twice her age and a grandfather. That is assigned as a reason for the delay in making the official announcement of the engagement.

Mr. McAdoo is secretary of the treasury and is 50 years old, a widower with six children. Miss Wilson is 24 years old.

SLEEPWALKER SLEW FRIEND

Ranchman's Plea He Did Not Know What He Had Done Until Awakened After Shooting.

Alton, Mo.—On the plea that he is a somnambulist, and that he did not know what he had done until he was awakened, Lee Cousins, a ranchman, was acquitted in the Oregon county circuit court here of the murder of Will Hilton.

Cousins at his trial maintained he had been dreaming a burglar was in the room and was not aware he had shot Hilton until he was awakened by McWilliams. His wife testified he was subject to spells of walking in his sleep.

Can't Sleep, Can't Work.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Charged with non-support, Michael Brynes said his wife scolded him so it produced insomnia and his health was so broken he could not work.

43 Ships Are Wrecked.

Melilla, Morocco.—Forty-three ships were wrecked on the shores in the vicinity of this port, having been driven on the rocks by a terrific hurricane. The wrecked vessels include five steamers and 38 sailing craft.

School to Train Girls.

Cleveland.—Cleveland, the one city in the United States with the unenviable record of one divorce for every four marriages annually, now is teaching its little girls how to be ideal wives some years hence.

15,000 MEN WILL BE THROWN OUT OF WORK.

Harriman Estate, Controlling One-Fifth, May Transfer Contracts to Wells Fargo Company.

New York.—Directors of the United States Express company, which employs 15,000 persons and has a pay roll of \$6,000,000 a year, voted unanimously to liquidate its affairs and dissolve it in the shortest possible time.

There are outstanding 100,000 shares of United States Express stock and these are in comparatively few hands. The Harriman estate is believed to hold about one-fifth of the whole, which the late E. H. Harriman acquired from the American and Adams Express companies for \$2,250,000.

The express company at one time had contracts covering 38,000 miles with the leading railroads of the country. In part these contracts have expired, but the remaining ones are said to be of potential value and it is assumed that they will be transferred to one of the company's former competitors, probably Wells Fargo & Co., in which the Harriman interests have large holdings.

16 OF 23 DEAD IDENTIFIED

Scraps of Bones and Flesh So Terribly Burned in M. A. C. Fire They Cannot Be Placed.

St. Louis.—Out of a total of 23 bodies recovered from the M. A. C. ruins, 16 have been identified.

By far the most gruesome evidence of the wholesale death and destruction wrought by the flames in the M. A. C. building reached the morgue shortly before 6 o'clock last night in the shape of several human bones and flesh so terribly burned and broken as to make it almost impossible to determine what portion of the human frame they had formed.

There were six portions, the longest of which was not more than 18 inches. The bones were splintered and broken and the flesh cooked to a hardness of leather.

UNLUCKY DAY FOR TRUANTS

13 Chicago Husbands Arrested on Friday, the 13th; One Is Ordered to Pay His Wife \$13 Weekly.

Chicago, Ill.—Friday, the 13th was unlucky for truant husbands in Chicago. Thirteen women appeared before the clerk of the court of domestic relations and swore out 13 warrants for 13 husbands on 13 charges of abandonment. The warrants were sent to 13 police stations.

Andrew Higginson, the thirteenth defendant on the docket, charged with abandonment, was ordered to pay his wife \$13 a week.

Names 3 for Hawaiian Islands.

Washington.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate: Associate justice supreme court of Hawaii, Ralph P. Quarles, Honolulu; secretary Territory of Hawaii, Wade Warren Thayer, Honolulu.

Danish Women to Vote.

Copenhagen.—An agreement between the Socialists Radical and Moderate parties, which control majorities in both houses of parliament, assures the passage of a constitutional reform bill.

Wears Wife's Finery Into Club.

Winsted, Conn.—Dressed in his wife's finery, Lester Barnes invaded an exclusive men's club here, spurred one man who popped the question and signed all but two members in support of the suffrage cause.

WORK ON ROADS DONE BY CONVICTS

COUNTY WHICH HIRES THEM MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD AND SHELTER.

ANY COUNTY CAN HAVE THEM

Livingston Will Probably Be First to Make Experiment, and Will Use Between 75 and 100 Prisoners.

Jefferson City.—The board of prison inspectors will meet with W. H. Lamson of Utica, Livingston county, to arrange for letting Livingston county have between 75 and 100 convicts for use upon the public roads.

Under the law which abolishes the manufacturing establishments long maintained at the Missouri penitentiary, it will be necessary for the prison officials to seek some method of keeping the convicts at more or less profitable labor, and all seem to agree that road work will be of benefit to the entire commonwealth.

There are many requisitions for convicts, and the board has decided to permit the experiment in road building with convict labor. The county will furnish food and shelter and pay the guards.

Commercial Clubs Rap Parcel Post.

Jefferson City.—The rehabilitation of the country church, the improvement of the rural schools, the curtailment of the mail-order business fostered by the parcel post, and the enactment of a law requiring the facts about Missouri's natural resources to be taught in the public schools, are some of the subjects which are up for discussion in the convention of the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs, which is in session in Jefferson City.

But the subjects are not the only ones which the convention is considering. The subject of emigration and immigration has been taken up. How to keep people and capital in Missouri and how to bring more people and investments into the state is receiving attention from the convention.

Professional men in attendance are handling the country church and little red schoolhouse problems. Banker delegates are suggesting the best methods of luring capital and people into the state and keeping them here. They are also expected to give the convention advice upon the best method of preventing the exodus of Missourians with their money to other states.

"How to cultivate greater pride in Missouri" is on the boards for discussion. Missourians don't foot their own horn enough is the intimation carried in a circular widely distributed by Rev. A. N. Lindsay of Clinton, secretary of the federation.

Following this intimation, Mr. Lindsay suggests the preparation of a text book setting up all the facts about Missouri and requiring this book to be taught in the public schools.

A condemnation of the parcel post is expected from the convention in its resolutions. Secretary Lindsay suggests in circulars that steps be taken at this convention to clip the wings of the mail order business and keep the farmers' money at home.

Mayor Only User of Phone.

Jefferson City.—J. W. Gleed, attorney for the Missouri & Kansas Telephone company, has filed an application with the state public service commission for permission on the part of the company to close its exchange in Carterville, Jasper county. The reason assigned is that the mayor of the town is the only person in the city who has one of the company's telephones in his office.

Juvenile Court Attacked.

Jefferson City.—The constitutionality of the juvenile court law enacted by the Forty-Sixth General Assembly for the care and control of delinquent and neglected children in St. Louis and all counties having 50,000 population or more, is assailed upon many grounds in prohibition proceedings instituted by Morris Kelley of Springfield against Judge Gur Kirby, judge of the juvenile court of Greene county. The law is attacked as defective; that it violates the bill of rights and the federal constitution; that it is special legislation affecting counties having population of 50,000 or more.

Ice Plant for Oregon.

Jefferson City.—Application has been made to the authorities for a charter for an ice plant in Oregon. Ground has been secured for the proposed building.

1,000 Boys Enter Corn Contest.

Maryville.—More than 400 young men and boys enrolled in the corn growing contest in Nodaway county last year and an effort is being made to get 1,000 interested in the contest this season.

Pythian Superintendent Named.

Springfield.—The board of managers of the Missouri Pythian Home recently completed here, announces the appointment of G. H. Eppard ofoberly as superintendent. Mrs. Eppard is to be matron.

St. Genevieve Stone May Be Used.

Jefferson City.—If K. F. Gill, contractor at the new capitol can demonstrate within a reasonable time to the capitol commission that St. Genevieve limestone fully meets the architect's specifications, and that there is enough to build the capitol, the quarry will be approved.

"The commission wants the very best stone to be found in the State," Alfred A. Speer, vice chairman of the commission, said. "It will accept no other."

"The commission is not concerned about the locality of the quarry, and wherever the best stone, and plenty of it, is found, whether it be at St. Genevieve, Carthage, Cassville or Phoenix, we will approve it. We are waiting now for Mr. Gill to submit a quarry. When he does we will determine whether it comes up to specifications."

"The necessity for stone is not pressing. I take it that none will be needed before June 1, and by that time I am convinced this seeming controversy between the commission and the contractor will be ironed out satisfactorily."

"The commission wants it understood in this connection that Mr. Gill is developing the St. Genevieve quarry on his own responsibility and without our sanction."

Moonshining Suspected.

Jefferson City.—Rumors reached here from Milan in Sullivan county that whisky was being made in illicit stills in three sections of that county.

Reports are that the federal government has revenue officers trying to find the moonshiners.

The moonshiners are reported to have pickets out so that they are warned at the first approach of strangers. They often are requested to move on when they come in certain neighborhoods. It is reported.

An underground still is said to be in operation near Scottville. Its entrance is so covered with brush and rubbish that it looks not unlike many other places in the broken districts of that neighborhood.

A still in the Buckalew mountains, near Pennville, is reported to be the best guarded of all.

A moonshine factory on Snake Hill on Big creek is declared to be the most widely patronized. It is said bottles of white whisky are frequently seen around Milan.

To Hold Horse Show.

Jefferson City.—The state fair which is an annual event at Sedalia, has fixed Sept. 26 to Oct. 2 as the dates for this year. It was decided to have horse shows on the nights of Sept. 28, 29 and 30 and Oct. 1. Purse are to be increased in the speed ring and also the premiums in several departments. Balloon ascensions, automobile races and vaudeville will be features.

Gas Raise Denied.

Jefferson City.—The Missouri public service commission has ruled that the new schedule of prices whereby the St. Joseph Gas company would charge \$1 a 1,000 cubic feet had never been filed, and the company is prevented from charging more than 40 cents. This will mean a loss of \$10,540 to the company on the February bills alone.

College Girls to Spell.

Jefferson City.—A spelling match for the girls now at Stephens college, Columbia, and for former students is being arranged by Superintendent of Education J. E. McPherson. E. H. Cauthorn, principal of the high school, will pronounce the words from the spelling books now used in the grade schools of Columbia.

M. A. C. Fire Results.

Jefferson City.—The burning of the Missouri Athletic club, entailing a loss of 30 human lives, will cause the next legislature to extend the scope of the hotel or factory inspection laws. Several ambitious legislators have already announced that they have in preparation bills which will cover the ground.

Jefferson City.—The state public service commission will be in St. Louis all this week listening to complaints and applications which have been docketed. The telephone company desires to raise rates for service and action has been postponed repeatedly.

Jefferson City.—The women of Harrisonville have asked the public service commission for an order to compel the four railroads here to build a union station. Some business men are opposing a union station. It would injure the transfer business and prevent many travelers from making purchases as they cross the town from one depot to another and the probable establishment of a lunch room at the station would injure the hotel business, they say. Others contend several persons would lose their positions by the consolidation and would have to leave town to procure work.

Two Out for Governor.

Jefferson City.—Two men have announced as candidates for governor. They are former State Treasurer James Cowling and Thomas T. Crittenden, Jr., former mayor of Kani City.

Woman, 80, Dies of Burns.

Chillicothe.—Miss Eliza Sheppard, 80 years old, died 400 injuries suffered when her clothing caught fire from a stove. She never regained consciousness, although she lived four days after the accident.